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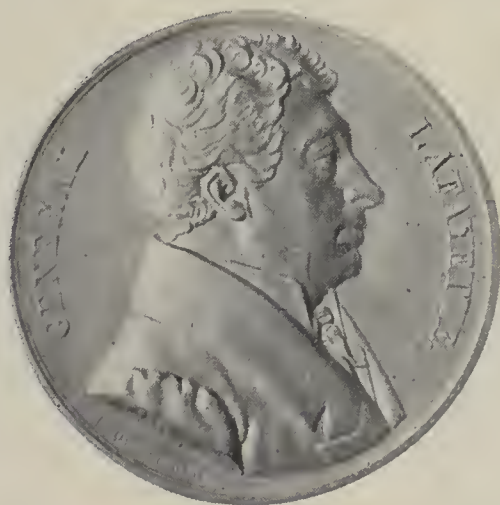
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BRONZE MEDAL OF  
**GENERAL LAFAYETTE**  
STRUCK TO COMMEMORATE HIS VISIT TO  
THE UNITED STATES, 1824

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V.G.=VERY GOOD—Somewhat worn but still desirable.

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## Athenian Tetradrachms from the Halmyros Hoard in Southern Thessaly

In the late part of 1929 two peasants were walking along a stream in the mountainous district of Halmyros in Southern Thessaly. The freshets had washed away the banks in places, revealing age-old layers of earth and rock. The sharp eyes of one spied two jars near the edge of the water. Such an experience was not unusual to him for ancient relics are often unearthed in that part of the world. Together they lifted the jars to firm dry ground. One was of bronze and the other of terra cotta. They were heavy, much heavier than would be ordinary jars filled with earth and debris. Upon opening them they found gold jewelry and silver coins. Overnight the two peasants became the envy of their fellow citizens. It was rumoured that gold bars were also found in the jars but this cannot be verified. The jewelry was sold in Paris several years ago and brought a handsome return. The coins, 969 in all, were taken to a nearby museum to be examined. They were all silver tetradrachms of Athens and were probably buried just before the time of Mithradates the Great, around B. C. 90, as none of them were issued after that date.



Athenian Tetradrachm from  
The Halmyros Hoard

On one side the coins show the head of Athena Parthenos in an Attic helmet with a triple crest. In front it is adorned with the foreparts of horses, on the side with a griffin or Pegasus and on the back a scroll.

On the reverse, surrounded by an olive wreath is the old familiar owl of Athens perched on an amphora, (a two-handled long-necked vessel). In the field are the names of two magistrates who were in

charge of the coinage, and sometimes of a third who apparently held a more honorary position in the government of the city. On the amphora is a numeral indicating the month in which the coin was struck, and each different month shows a different magistrate's name. In the right field is a symbol that also changed at the time the third magistrate's name appeared.

The traditional date of these coins is from B. C. 229 to the time of the Roman Emperor Augustus, but recent studies indicate that the coinage did not begin quite that early.

We have obtained five dozen specimens from this find and are pleased to offer American collectors the opportunity to own one of these handsome coins. They are all in a very decent state of preservation and of good quality silver. Because of the limited quantity we can offer but one to each customer. Orders will be filled in the rotation in which they are received. The illustration is from one of the actual coins and shows the average style and condition of the pieces.

Price \$5.00 each.

## New Half Sol of Peru Payable in Gold



Peru, after the manner of several European countries, has recently issued a token coinage. This is undoubtedly an issue of the Government, brought out under the name of the Central Reserve Bank. The coin is of an alloy, probably aluminum bronze. The Peruvian Arms appear on the obverse, within a wreath, and on the reverse "El Banco Central de Reserva del Peru, 1935"; around outer circle. Inner circle: "Pay the Bearer  $\frac{1}{2}$  gold sol", in Spanish. Mint condition 35 cents.

### Bronze Medal of Lafayette Struck in Memory of His Visit to America, 1824

When Lafayette visited America in 1824-25, an important series of medals were struck to commemorate the event. One of the most handsome is a large bronze struck in France by Caunois. It shows a mature bust of the General facing right. On the reverse is the inscription **THE DEFENDER OF AMERICAN AND FRENCH LIBERTY. 1777-1824 BORN IN CHAVANCIAC THE 6 SEPTEMBER 1757.**

The part that Lafayette played in both the American and French Revolutions is too well known to dwell upon. No citizen of a foreign country has ever had so many and such warm admirers in America. In this country seven counties, twenty-seven towns, a mountain, a national park, and a river, as well as a college have been named after him.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a number of these medals, in proof condition. Each is guaranteed to be a genuine original.

As illustrated on cover

\$3.00 each.



### Silver Rupee of Burma Dated 1852 and Showing a Peacock

Issued by King Thebaw and struck at the Mandalay mint.

Fine condition \$1.00 each.



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### Coins of Edward VIII

In the last issue of **COIN TOPICS** we stated that the penny of New Guinea was the only coin having reference to King Edward **VIII**. Since then there have appeared two other issues, one from British West Africa, and the other from British East Africa. It is also reported that an issue has been struck for Fiji, but we have not seen specimens of the latter issue.

We offer the following coins of King Edward **VIII**:



#### British West Africa

Penny and Half-penny (nickel), 1936  
As illustrated. Mint condition.  
Pair, 75 cents.



#### New Guinea

Penny (bronze), 1936.  
Mint condition. 50 cents.



### Denier of Maguelonne, France, Coined in the 11th Century



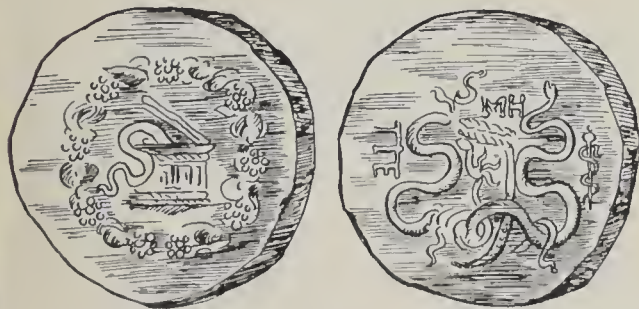
Among the interesting coins of Mediaeval times are the silver deniers coined at Maguelonne, a Visigothic town in the south of France. The town became the seat of a Bishopric in the 6th century A. D., was destroyed in 737 and rebuilt in the 11th century. In 1536 the Bishopric was transferred to nearby Montpellier, and today Maguelonne is a mere village.

The coins issued there had a wide circulation, and are usually of the same type. We offer silver deniers as illustrated in very good condition.

65c each.



### The Cistophorus, A Popular Coin of Ancient Times



The cistophorus receives its name from the representation on the obverse of the cista, or mystic chest of Bacchus, from which serpents are escaping. The reverse shows two coiled serpents with heads erect; between them a bow-case.

We have received a small find of these coins direct from Asia Minor, and can supply them at the following prices:

Very good .....	\$1.50
Fine .....	2.25
Very fine .....	3.00

### Silver Peseta of 1933 The First Coin of the Spanish Republic

This coin is patterned after the silver coins of the Provisional Government of 1868-1869. An unusual feature of this coin is the double dating. On the two six-pointed stars on either side of the date are



inscribed a 3 and a 4. This indicates that, though bearing the large date 1933 they were not struck until the following year. The figures on the stars require the aid of a magnifying glass to be seen.

Mint condition  
45 Cents.



### Nickel 25 Centavos Dated 1934 of the Spanish Republic



This artistic piece was coined to circulate along with the silver peseta described above. The obverse shows a young girl gazing at an olive tree. The reverse shows a cog-wheel, an ear of wheat, and an olive spray.

Mint condition.  
25 cents.



### George II of England

Silver sixpence, dated 1758. Bust to left.  
Reverse, arms. Extremely fine. 50 cents.

**Silver Denier of Anjou  
struck by  
Geoffrey, Father of the English King  
Henry II**



One of the most popular of early European rulers was Geoffrey Plantagenet, or Geoffrey the Handsome, as he was usually called. In 1199 he became Count of Anjou, a French territory. He married Matilda, the daughter of Henry I of England, and their son Henry was the first of eight English Kings belonging to House of Anjou. Geoffrey died in 1151, leaving his titles to his son Henry who became ruler of England upon the death of his brother Stephen in 1154.

Coins of Geoffrey are of the usual quality of that period being thin and poorly struck. On the obverse they have (usually abbreviated) **GOSFRIDAS. COIS**, a cross, and the Greek letters a'pha and omega. On the reverse is the legend **VRBS AIDEOAV**, and a monogram.

Very good condition

75 cents each.



**Silver Drachm of Mithradates the  
Great of Parthia. B. C. 123 to  
B. C. 88**



These coins are from a recent find and are in mint condition.

\$2.00 Each.

**Henry II King of England  
From 1154 to 1189**

Henry II, born at Le Mans, France on March 25, 1133 was the son of Geoffrey Plantagenet, Count of Anjou, and Matilda, daughter of Henry I. He became King of England when Stephen died in 1154. Before his accession he had already become ruler of Normandy and Anjou, and by his marriage in 1152 with Eleanor of Aquitaine became ruler of that great duchy.

The reign of Henry II was outstanding in many respects. While it is true he had many faults, he had a high sense of responsibilities and a strong love of justice. The looseness of his personal morals did not interfere with the respect and friendship shown him by the most upright of the English clergy.

He did much to increase the popularity of the royal courts and laid the foundation for the "common law" as it now exists.

The coins of Henry II are of poor design mostly crudely struck and often illegible. They are divided into two groups. First the "Tealby" type, which receives its name from a large hoard of such coins found at Tealby in the 19th century.



The second type, known as the "short cross" type, were coined after 1180. These latter coins were made by Philip Aimery, Frenchman who Henry placed in charge of the mints. The name Philip often appears on the reverse of these coins.

This coinage was copied by the three following sovereigns, two of whom had different names, but who continued to use the title HENRICUS REX on the coins.

The issues are not easy to distinguish because the lettering is often illegible and the flans irregular.

We can supply "short cross" silver pennies of Henry II in fair condition at 85 Cents each.



## Gun Money of Ireland Struck by King James II

These historical pieces were struck by King James II in 1689 and 1690, during the war to regain the throne of England from which he had been driven by his son-in-law, William of Orange. The lack of funds was a serious obstacle and during the struggle King James issued his well known gun money.

It is properly a token coinage, for while the coins represent crowns, half-crowns, shillings and sixpences in value, the metal was obtained by melting brass and old cannon together.



Crown

The crown shows the king on horseback, riding to left, with drawn sword, and the legend **JAC. II. DEI. GRA. MAG. FRA. ET. HIB. REX.** On the reverse are the national arms on four crowned shields placed cross-wise, with a crown in the centre. The legend reads: **CHRISTO VICTORE TRIVUMPHO.** In the angles of the shields is the date, **Ano. Dom. 1690.**



Shilling

The half-crowns have on the obverse the king's butt to left, and the legend **JACOBUS II DEI. GRATIA.** On the reverse are two sceptres saltire through a crown; the denomination **XXX** (thirty-pence) in the upper angle of the sceptre, and the month

of issue in the lower one. The legend, continued from the obverse, reads: **MAG. BR. FRA. ET. HIB. REX., 1689.**

To form a complete collection of all the dates and denominations is not an easy task. Half-crowns were issued each month from 1689 to October 1690, with the exception of June, 1689, and September, 1690.

Shillings with **XII** in place of **XXX**, were issued each month from June, 1689 to September, 1690, with the exceptions of July and October, 1690.

Sixpences were issued from June, 1689 to February, 1689, except during the month of October.

We can supply common dates of our selection, at the following prices:—

Crown Fine .....	\$3.50
Half-crown Very Fine....	2.50
Half-crown Very Good..	1.25
Shilling Very Fine.....	1.50
Shilling Very Good.....	.75



English Twopence 1797

Weight two ounces One of the most handsome and largest of modern coins.

Fine .....\$1.25

Very good..... .75 cents

Penny 1797

Same type but weighs one ounce.

Mint condition \$1.50.

## Chop-marked Silver Coins From Circulation in China

Spanish-American eight-reales and Mexican silver pesos have long been popular in China. Each time a banker or merchant handles one of these coins he stamps it with



a small character known as a "chopmark." This is his guarantee that the coin is of good silver and full weight. Though today silver is no longer in official circulation in China, these pieces will occasionally be found circulating in the more remote districts.

A missionary recently returning from the Province of Anhwei brought us 40 of these chop-marked silver eight-reales pieces. They are dated mostly around 1800 and show the portraits of King Charles III or Ferdinand VII of Spain. These coins were taken from circulation and show considerable signs of wear. All of them bear a variety of interesting chop-marks. Incidentally, the more chop-marks one of these coins shows, the more highly prized it is by the Chinese.

We offer these coins while they last.

\$1.15 each.

## Half Crown of William and Mary By the Famous Artist Roettier

William of Orange, who ousted King James II of gun money fame, is first shown on English coins in conjunction with his wife Mary, with whom he was proclaimed joint sovereign in 1689

On the coins of William we find considerable variety of detail. The title on the

coins reads: **GULIELMVS ET MARIA, DEI GRATIA, MAGNAE BRITANNIAE, FRANCIAE, ET HIBERNIAE REX ET REGINA.** (William and Mary, by the grace of God, King and Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland). Inscribed on the edge is the legend **DECVS. ET. TUTAMEN. ANNO. REGNI. PRIMO.**, a liberal translation of which is "An Ornament and a Safeguard. First Year of Reign". In place of the word PRIMO, (meaning first year), **SECUNDO**, **TERTIO**, etc., will be found to indicate other years. **PRIMO** is to be found on the lettered edge coins of 1689.



The silver half crown was the only coin issued in 1689 and 1690, and there are three main types of this denomination. We can offer the first type, as illustrated, which was designed by the famous engraver John Roettier. These coins are all dated 1689, and are in fine condition.

\$2.25 each.

## Silver Pack Saddle Coin of Lannatai, North Siam



Issued between the 14th and 18th centuries by the city of Cheing Mai. Very fine condition.

\$7.50 Each.



**Henry VI King of England  
From 1422 to 1461**

Henry VI was the only son of Henry V and Catherine of Valois. He was born at Windsor on December 6, 1421, and when his father died the following year, was declared King of England. After the death of his grandfather, Charles VI of France, Henry was crowned King of France on December 16, 1430.



During his childhood the affairs of the nation were managed by a council of twenty, with the Duke of Gloucester at its head. Henry V had directed Richard Beauchamp, the Earl of Warwick to train his son for Kingly duties. He began this task when Henry was seven years of age and although he succeeded in teaching him to act like a refined gentleman, he could not teach him kingship. Until his death in 1471 Henry was the most hapless of monarchs. He might have made a good ruler during quiet times for he was honest and well meaning. One of the outstanding incidents during his reign was the defeat of his soldiers at Orléan, France, by the French forces led by Joan of Arc. Two years later Joan of Arc was taken prisoner by the English and was burned by them at Rouen. From then on the English power in France gradually declined, and in 1451 they had lost all their French possessions excepting Calais

Then difficulties arose at home. The Duke of Gloucester and Cardinal Beaufort, the two most powerful friends of the House of Lancaster, died. Richard, the Duke of York, who was really the rightful heir to the throne demanded that he be recognized as King. But at a bloody battle at Wakefield Green the Duke was slain and his son Edward re-

newed the claims. Finally, in 1461, Henry was deposed and Edward declared lawful king.

In 1471 Henry made a successful attempt to seize the throne, and ruled for a few months. He was finally imprisoned in the Tower where he was murdered by the Duke of Gloucester.

The coins existing of Henry VI are quite varied and numerous. He struck both gold and silver, the latter being more common. We offer silver groats, as illustrated, from the Calais mint, in fine condition \$2.00 each.



**Silver Coins of Hawaii  
Issued by King Kalakaua I in 1883**



The only silver coinage of Hawaii.

Set of Dollar, Half-Dollar, Quarter-Dollar and Dime. 4 pieces. Very fine condition .....\$5.00



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### Augustus the Great First Roman Emperor

Caius Octavius Coepius, afterwards surnamed Augustus, was the son of the Praetor C. Octavius Rufus and of Atia, niece of Julius Caesar. He was born at Velitri Volscorum in October, 63 years before Christ, under the Consulship of Cicero. When he was four years old he lost his father, and Julius Caesar, of whom he was a great favorite, became his guardian. From early youth, until he became sole emperor in B. C. 29, Augustus engaged almost continually in wars with his colleagues and rivals. Despite the faults and crimes of his early manhood, Augustus remains one of the outstanding characters of history. He was not merely an astute and successful intriguer, but a statesman who conceived and carried through a scheme of political reconstruction that secured peace and tranquility and preserved civilization for more than two centuries.

Towards the end of his life, Augustus endured much sorrow because of the death of his closest relatives and friends. He died at the age of 76 in the year 14 A. D.

The coins of Augustus are varied and numerous. On the earliest of them we

read the title **III VIR**, but on those of later date, we find such titles as CAIVS CAESAR, IMPERATOR, AVGVSTVS, PONTIFEX MAXIMVS. DIVI FILIVS, and PATER PATRIAE.

We offer denarii showing the portrait of Augustus.

Good condition \$1.75

Fine condition \$2.75



### A Portrait Coin of Henry VIII King of England, 1509-1547



Silver groat showing the portrait of this famous ruler, facing to the right.

Fine condition, \$2.00



### Bronze Tempo of Japan

1835.

Fine condition. Each 25 cents.



### Silver Rupee of Thibet Showing Chinese Emperor Kwang-su

Among the curious coins of the 20th century is the rupee that China issued for circulation in Thibet. The most popular coin there at that time was the Indian rupee bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria. To compete with this coin, the Chinese produced one almost identical in appearance. At a glance it might easily be mistaken for the one after which it was copied. But somehow or other, these coins never became over popular. Occasionally one turns up in some remote mart in Thibet, or you may find one in the cabinet of a collector

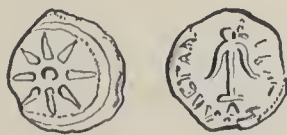


a few blocks away. The coin shows the portrait of the Chinese Emperor Kwang-su, facing to left. On the reverse in Chinese characters is the legend "SZE CHUAN SENG TSAO": (Minted in the Province of Sze Chuan). Aside from the rupee, half and quarter rupees were struck. The smaller denominations are all quite rare. These coins were all issued in 1903.

We offer rupees as illustrated,  
Fine condition, \$2.00

### Widow's Mite or Lepton A Coin of Biblical Fame

Mentioned in the 12th Chapter of Mark.



Mite of Alexander Jannaeus  
B. C. 105 to B. C. 78  
Price \$1.50



Mite of Herod Agrippa  
37 to 44 A. D.

Price \$1.25

We have a small selection of the following mites:—

John Hyrcanus. B. C. 135-106. Madden, p. 76. Fine \$1.75.

Herod the Great. B. C. 37-4. Madden, pp. 112-113. Fine \$2.00.

Annius Rufus. Third Procurator. A. D. 12-15. Madden, pp. 175-176. Fine \$1.75.

Pontius Pilate. A. D. 26-36. Madden, p. 182. No. 14. Fine \$2.25.

Felix. (Reign of Nero). A. D. 54-60. Madden, p. 185. Fine \$1.75.

First Revolt. Copper Half-Chalcous. Year 2. (May A. D. 67 to May 68.) Madden, p. 206. Fine \$1.75.

### Set of Four Silver Coins of William III of England



Four denominations: Crown (size as illustrated), Half Crown, Shilling and Sixpence. Each coin is dated 1700, and is in mint condition.

Set of four \$4.50.

### Silver Half Crown of George II Struck from Captured Silver



The word **LIMA** that is stamped boldly on some of the coins issued by George II of England, recalls to mind the famous trip around the world made by Admiral Anson in 1740-1744. A thrilling account of this voyage was written in 1748 by his Chaplain, Richard Walter, and this book (often reprinted), is still one of the best sellers of today.

At the start his fleet consisted of six vessels; but storms and misfortune reduced this number to one. Showing indomitable perseverance he continued his voyage spending some time in the waters off South America in hopes of capturing one of the richly laden galleons plying between Mexico and the Philippines. His bravery was rewarded for on the 20th of June, 1743, he encountered and captured the Spanish ship "Nuestra Senora de Cavadonga", laden with silver from the mines of Lima, Peru.

The prize money earned by the capture of the galleon made him a rich man for life. King George II, much pleased with the exploits of this brave sailor, commemorated the event by placing the word "LIMA" on all the coins struck from the captured silver.

We offer half crowns struck from this silver, dated either 1745 or 1746.

Fine condition, \$2.00

### George III of England

Silver threepence, dated 1762. First issue. Bust to right. Reverse, large "3". Extremely fine. 25 cents.

### Copper Ghost Head or Ant Nose Money of Ancient China

According to Chinese tradition this currency was issued by Sun-siok Ngao, Prime Minister of Tchwang, who ruled in B. C. 612-589. Because of their peculiar appearance they are called by various names, but, as a matter of fact are a metallic substitute for cowries. Before the use of metal in China, cowries shells were more or less of a standard currency and it would be quite natural to model these little pieces of metal after the shells.



The pieces we have on hand were bought about a year ago in the Thieves' Market at Peiping, China. They were taken from ancient graves and a few of the pieces have fragments of old cloth attached to them.

We can offer these interesting relics at \$2.75 each.

### Porcelain Tokens of the German Post War Era

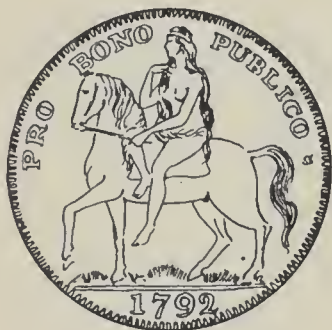


During the post war inflationary period in Germany, a number of cities, villages, and private concerns issued porcelain tokens to be used as money. These tokens are found in various colors and sizes. All are artistically designed and well made. We offer a selection of 15 tokens, all different, for \$5.

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## Half Penny Token of England Showing Lady Godiva



The most popular half-penny token of the large series that was issued in England during the 18th century. Dated between 1792 and 1795.

Very good condition 65 cents  
Fine condition \$1.00



## Marcus Aurelius Roman Emperor, 140-180 A. D.

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus who ruled Rome from 140 to 180 A. D. is usually regarded as the last great character of the ancient world. Although he has been dead these many centuries his book "Meditations" is one of today's "best sellers." No ruler of Rome ever desired peace more nor enjoyed

it as little as did this brilliant man. During his reign there was constant trouble with the barbarians in Germany and Britain. Considering that he was forced to spend much of his time leading his soldiers into battle it is remarkable that he found time for philosophical study. The single stain of his rule is the persecution of the Christians. He remarked in his writings that the indifference of the Christians to death appeared to him, as it also appeared to Epictetus, to arise not from any noble principles, but from mere obstinacy and perversity. Marcus Aurelius died after a brief illness in Pannonia, in the year 180 A. D.

The coins of Marcus Aurelius are very numerous in all metals. On them he is variously styled, AVRELIVS CAESAR; AVRELIVS CAESAR AVG. PII. FIL; (with young head), M. AVRELIVS ANTONINVS; IMP. CAES. M. AVREL. ANTONINVS; and M. ANTONINVS AVGVSIVS. Sometimes the surnames of ARMIENIVS; PARTHICVS, MAXIMVS-MEDICVS; GERMANICVS and SARMATICVS. On his consecration coins appear DIVVS M. ANTONINVS, and DIVVS M. ANTONINVS PIUS.



We can supply silver denarii, as illustrated.

Fine condition, 75 cents.  
Large Bronze. Good condition 50 cents.  
Fine condition \$1.00.

## George I of England

Silver sixpence, dated 1723. "S.S.C." (South Sea Company) initials. Very good condition. 25 cents.

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## A Coin from the Famous Island of St. Helena

Situated in the South Atlantic Ocean, some 1200 miles off the west coast of Africa, is the little Island of St. Helena. A century ago the eyes of the world were turned towards St. Helena, for it was there that the British had imprisoned Napoleon Bonaparte after the battle of Waterloo. He was sent there in 1815, and died on the Island, May 21st, 1821. During the period of Napoleon's imprisonment the Island of St. Helena was strongly fortified by regular British troops.



The Portugese, under Juan de Nova Castilla, first discovered this island in 1502. The Dutch afterwards held it until they were expelled by the British in 1600. In 1651, the British East India Company settled there, and the island was held alternately by Dutch and English until 1673, when Charles II, assigned it to the Company once more.

The present population is only about 4000. Its area is 47 square miles. The first and only copper coins for St. Helena were struck in 1821, the year Napoleon died there. Only one denomination, the half-penny, which is illustrated, was issued.

We can supply these copper half-pennies, in Very Good condition

75 cents each.

### Charles II of England

Milled silver threepence, 1679. Showing bust facing to right. Reverse shows three "C's" entwined. Fine condition. 35 cents.

## A Selection of English Half Pennies All Show Portraits of the Rulers

**William and Mary.** 1689-1694.

Half Penny. Fine .....\$1.25

**William III** (alone). 1694-1702.

Half Penny. Fine ..... .50

**George I.** 1714-1727.

Half Penny. Fine ..... .75

**George III.** 1760-1820.

Half Penny. Uncirculated ..... .50

**George IV.** 1820-1830.

Half Penny. Ex. Fine ..... .65

**William IV.** 1830-1837.

Half Penny. Fine ..... .30

**Victoria.** 1837-1901.

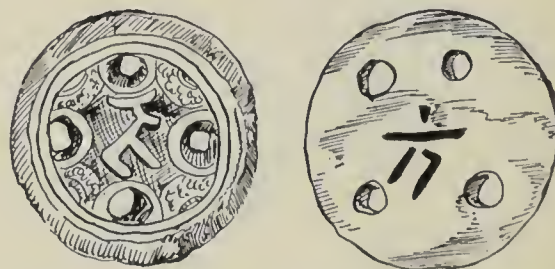
Half Penny. (First type). Ex. Fine .35

**Edward VII.** 1901-1910.

Half Penny. Ex. Fine ..... .20

(These half pennies are either copper or bronze).

## Porcelain Tokens of Siam



This unusual token is of the denomination of one Fuang, and has four perforations as shown in the illustration. Made before 1871

35 cents each.



Two different, as illustrated  
65 cents.



# Shillings of Famous English Rulers

The English silver shilling, corresponding in approximate value to our quarter-dollar, is one of the most popular of coin denominations. Appearing as a money-of-account in the early Anglo-Saxon laws, it was first coined in 1504, by Henry VII. These pieces, known sometimes as testoons, are extremely rare, as also the shillings of Henry VIII. Since then nearly every English ruler has issued shillings and, fortunately for coin collectors, in considerable quantities. A year ago we advertised a portion of our stock and received many more orders than we could fill. Since then we have consistently added to this series, and we are now in a position to offer desirable pieces at a moderate price.

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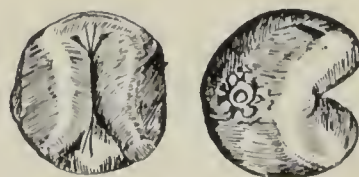


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